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PROGRAM This Week with David Brinkley STATION WJLA-TV
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SUBJECT The CIA And Nicaragua

DAVID BRINKLEY: ...We'll have today's news since the morning papers, and the American involvement in Central America, particularly in Nicaragua. Is the CIA trying to overthrow its Marxist government? If so, should it be? Is it violating the law? In any case, should the U.S. allow Cuba and the Soviet Union to expand into Central America? If not, what should we do about it?

Our guests: Jeane Kirkpatrick, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, who has strong views on this; and two members of Congress, Senator Christopher Dodd of Connecticut and Representative Wyche Fowler of Georgia, who have other views of their own.

The background on all this from James Wooten. And our discussion here with George Will, Barbara Walters, and Hodding Carter.

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BRINKLEY: On Wednesday, President Reagan speaks to Congress and tries to persuade it to support his policies in Central America. He'll be talking to an audience heavily skeptical.

In the meantime, the CIA and the State Department invited several Congress members to fly to Central America and to see firsthand what is happening there and to decide if they can support it. They left from Washington's Andrews Air Force Base this morning, as ABC News correspondent Anne Garrels reports.

ANNE GARRELS: Secretary of State Shultz and CIA